GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN AGRICULTURAL EXPORT TO JAPAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural export to Japan has declined during each of the last three years and in the current year till date, product-wise, value-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of other sectors where the import/export have decreased/increased;

(d) whether Confederation of Indian Industry has given some suggestion to the Government in which the trade between India and Japan has the potential to double in the next two years;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government to increase the trade between both the countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise.

c) Sector-wise detail of import/export to Japan are at Annexure −'A' & 'B'.The figures indicate sector-wise increase and decrease in trade.

d) & (e) Details are being collected.

(f) Encouraging export is a continuous process.The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Further, in order to boost export of Indian products, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative(MAI), Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities(ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana,Focus Product Scheme,Focus Market Scheme,Town of Export Excellence,etc. Trade delegatioins are sent abroad and Buyer-Seller meets are organized in this direction.

Besides,the Government is currently negotiating the possibility of a Indo-Japan Comprehensive Economic Parternership Agreement to cover trade in goods,services and other areas of economic cooperation to give a boost to bilateral trade.